

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head having a top surface, a bottom surface, a face extending between said top and bottom surfaces, a toe portion, and a heel portion;

a hosel having a base portion extending generally upwardly from said top surface of said putter head and adjacent to said toe portion, and a shaft socket; and

a shaft attached to and extending generally upwardly from the shaft socket of the hosel.

29. (New) The golf putter of claim 28 wherein the hosel has multiple bends

30. (New) The hosel of claim 29 further comprising a first intermediate portion extending forwardly from the base portion beyond the face of the putter head, and a second intermediate portion laterally extending from said first intermediate portion toward said heel portion of the putter head and in parallel with the face of the putter head, said shaft socket extending generally upwardly from the second intermediate portion near the heel portion of the putter head.

31. (New) The hosel of claim 29 wherein said multiple bends are at 90 degree angles.

32. (New) The hosel of claim 30 wherein said first intermediate portion extends forwardly from the base portion at a 90 degree angle, said second intermediate portion extends laterally from said first intermediate portion at a 90 degree angle, and said shaft socket extends upwardly from the second intermediate portion at a 90 degree angle.

33. (New) The hosel of claim 30 wherein said second intermediate portion extends generally along the length of the putter head from the toe portion to the heel portion.

34. (New) The hosel of claim 30 wherein said second intermediate portion protrudes beyond the face of the putter head and creates an overhang.

35. (New) The hosel of claim 33 wherein said second intermediate portion extends along the length of a golf ball at address position and protrudes beyond the face of the putter head toward the center of the golf ball, creating a perceived line of intersection along the top of the golf ball.

36. (New) The hosel of claim 35 wherein said second intermediate portion covers the entire length of a golf ball at address position from the point of contact between the ball and the face of the putter to some distance beyond the face of the putter toward the center of the ball.

37. (New) The hosel of claim 36 wherein said second intermediate portion creates an overhang that extends along the length of the putter head and beyond the face of the putter head.

38. (New) A golf putter of claim 37 wherein said overhang is of a depth that provides the desired coverage of a golf ball.

39. (New) A golf putter of claim 37 wherein the overhang covers one-tenth inch to one-half inch of the diameter of a golf ball.

40. (New) The golf putter of claim 28 wherein said hosel is an integral part of the putter.

41. (New) The golf putter of claim 28 wherein said hosel is a separate component that is affixed to or into the top surface of the putter head.

42. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head having a top surface, a bottom surface, a face extending between said top and bottom surfaces, a toe portion, and a heel portion;

a hosel having a base portion extending generally upwardly from said top surface of said putter head and adjacent to said toe portion, multiple bends, and a shaft socket; and

a shaft attached to and extending generally upwardly from the shaft socket of the hosel.

43. (New) The hosel of claim 42 further comprising a first intermediate portion extending forwardly from the base portion beyond the face of the putter head, and a second intermediate portion laterally extending from said first intermediate portion toward said heel portion of the putter head and in parallel with the face of the putter head, said shaft socket extending generally upwardly from the second intermediate portion near the heel portion of the putter head.

44. (New) The hosel of claim 43 wherein said second intermediate portion extends generally along the length of the putter head from the toe portion to the heel portion and protrudes beyond the face of the putter head, creating a perceived line of intersection along the top of the golf ball.

45. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head having a top surface, a bottom surface, a face extending between said top and bottom surfaces, a toe portion, and a heel portion;

a hosel having a base portion extending generally upwardly from said top surface of said putter head and adjacent to said toe portion, a first intermediate portion extending forwardly from the base portion beyond the face of the putter head, a second intermediate portion laterally extending from said first intermediate portion toward said heel portion of the putter head and in parallel with the face of the putter head, and a shaft socket; and

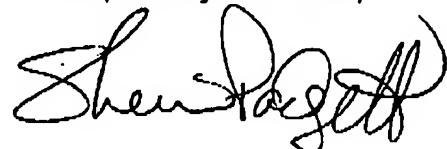
a shaft attached to and extending generally upwardly from the shaft socket of the hosel.

46. (New) The hosel of claim 45 wherein said second intermediate portion extends generally along the length of the putter head from the toe portion to the heel portion and protrudes beyond the face of the putter head, creating a perceived line of intersection along the top of the golf ball.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the amendment to the claims are now in proper form and compliant with 37 CFR 1.121. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

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